

ABSTRACT

A locking and latching system is disclosed in which some of the components of the system can be pre-assembled prior to installation into the structural framework of a vehicle door. The construction of the lock and latch system of the present invention can include
5 outside and inside door handles, outside and inside locks, the door latch itself, as well as linkages between these components. The components of the present invention can further facilitate the assembly process by being of a design which simplifies the process of installing them into the structural framework of a vehicle door without requiring the use of specialized tools, thereby reducing labor costs associated with assembly.

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